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Coach's Comment



Bruce Stowell

With the side currently in the middle of an exhausting two week period, which has us playing five matches, the quality and depth of the squad is being tested more than ever. However it is not just a case of saying we have 19 players to cover the gruelling schedule. We must find a way to balance the squad so that all positions are adequately covered, no matter what.

The addition of former Young Socceroo Brad Ditton to the squad will bolster the midfield even more and give us some further options for moving other players up front.

Already this season we have played two matches without Frank Farina and invariably, we will more than likely play without him at other stages throughout the season. As great a contribution as Frank makes to the team, a lot of the work we do in training is done with the inference that we're not going to have Frank available for every game. As a result the players know that even without Frank, we are a very formidable outfit.

Players have noted the contribution of Frank as an individual and I think have gained confidence in themselves and have looked to be more creative on an individual basis as a result. One of the best examples of this would be Sean Cranney, who has blossomed this season to the point of gaining Socceroo selection. Part of Sean's renewed self-confidence is possibly a result of Frank's influence on the team.

As we move nearer to a cemented top six position, it is getting obvious that individual performances by players are starting to highlight this trend, and this is something that should hold us in good stead for the remainder of the competition.

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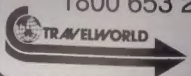
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Strikers set to make amends

Despite a disappointing mid-week result in Adelaide, the Hyundai Strikers are within a point of a top six spot following three previous consecutive wins.

The Strikers are currently on twelve points, just one adrift of West Adelaide and Adelaide City, and will be looking to build on that tonight against a South Melbourne side lacking in luck and confidence.

A win tonight would see the Strikers possibly move into the top six, depending on other results around the country.

Injuries to key players have hampered coach Bruce Stowell's preparations for Brisbane's rigorous schedule, which includes five games in two weeks.

Sharp-shooter Frank Farina missed the Adelaide match with a calf complaint, as did defenders Alan Hunter (rib cartilage) and Glenn Gwynne (groin).

All three players should be fully recovered in time for tonight's important match.

The Adelaide City match is certainly one the team would want to forget in a hurry.

Socceroo Damien Mori led the Adelaide charge with a first half double, which took him to the top of the 'A' League's scorers with seven goals to date.

The absence of Hunter and Gwynne at the back did not help the Strikers cause, leaving a huge question mark over the side's defence from the kick-off.

Nothing went right for the Queenslanders on the night, with striker Andy Brayshaw sent from the field in the 51st minute for his second bookable offence.

As a result he will miss tonight's game to serve a mandatory one match suspension.

After the match veteran midfielder Gary

*Alan Hunter -
sorely missed
by his
teammates in
last
Wednesday
night's
Adelaide City
debacle*



Phillips said the players were extremely despondent but determined to regain some pride against South Melbourne.

"We're really embarrassed for ourselves and for our supporters, and we realise we've put in a sub-standard performance, but the boys are also a little angry and I think a lot more determined to knock over South Melbourne," Phillips said. □



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Blues poised to pounce

One of the glamour clubs of the Ericsson Cup, South Melbourne have not yet lived up to the hopes of their many fans following five consecutive losses. Despite this poor start to the competition, coach Frank Arok has made it clear that South will be in the playoffs at the season's end.

"I don't care which way get into the top six, just as long as we are there at the end of the season, and I am very positive we will be there," a defiant Arok said.

If any side can come from second last position it is South Melbourne, who managed to pull off a similar feat last year, and posed a genuine championship threat before bowing out to eventual winners Melbourne Knights in the preliminary final.

"We expect to have our ups and downs,

but we will get better as the season progresses," Arok said.

"In the meantime we must try to string a few wins together and regain some confidence."

Much of this confidence seemed lost last weekend, when South's celebrations after moving into their new \$6 million Lakeside Stadium, were dampened by a West Adelaide victory in front of 13,956 spectators.

"I think we hit an all time low on Sunday after losing such a big game," Arok said.

"But we can only go one way from here... we can't go any further down, and sooner or later things will change, hopefully against Brisbane."

South Melbourne boast a formidable lineup, including creative captain Paul Trimboli, who was recently recalled to the Socceroos for the trans-Tasman series, New Zealand International striker Vaughan Coveny, Olyroo Michael Valkanis, former Socceroo Mike Petersen, and Young Socceroos Con Anthopoulos and Daniel Alsopp.

Alsopp was the winner of the Adidas Golden Boot Award for the most number of goals scored by a player at this year's Youth World Cup.

The side has also been bolstered by the return of former Socceroo Alan Davidson.

Arok said Davidson's return had helped balance his relatively young side in terms of experience.

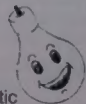
"Alan is a very positive person and his influence on the younger players has been extremely valuable," he said.

The former Socceroo coach believed the mid week game the Strikers played against Adelaide could be to his side's benefit, citing fitness as a major factor in tonight's clash. □



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Jim Selby - National position

Soccer Australia's newly appointed National Coaching and Development Manager Jim Selby, is set to take up his position in Sydney on Monday, comfortable in the knowledge that Queensland Soccer is in a healthy state.

Selby has been a professional coach under the National Coaching Scheme for 15 years, during which time he has gained international recognition by the world governing body FIFA for conducting various coaching seminars on their behalf.

The incumbent State Director of Coaching has served Queensland for 14 years, which terms as the RDOC for Bundaberg and the Gold Coast.

"A lot more has been happening in Queensland soccer than in the other states in the last five years," Selby said.

"We've had 65 people undertake the Level 3 Coaching Courses over three years, which is more than the other states together."

Selby was the brains behind a number of very worthwhile developmental programs, including the introduction of both males and females to the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS), Talented Coaches Programs, and the residential and regional ITC Programs.

Among his other career achievements, Selby is a FIFA Regional Development Instructor, a member of the Australian Soccer Federation Technical Committee, was Head Coach at the QAS, and a successful competition coach, taking the Gold Coast Gamblers to an Ampol Cup victory in 1988.

Selby said he would miss Queensland but never forget his coaching roots.

"Queensland has given me the opportunity to achieve all I've wanted to in the game," he said.

"Now I'm looking forward to another challenge and I would like to implement a lot of the ideas we've used in Queensland at the national level."

Jim Selby - "I was pleased and flattered at being the first Australian born coach to be appointed into a National position"



"I'd like to thank all of the RDOC's, the QJSC, Women's Soccer Queensland and the QSF for a fabulous 14 years.

"Most of all I'd like to express my gratitude to the players I've been associated with for all that time, because they are the most enjoyable and important component of the game." □

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Clint Bolton	48	0	9	-
Andrew Brayshaw	28	4	3 (4)	1
Rod Brown	273	108	9	2
Sean Cranney	66	12	9	3
Troy Cranney	120	6	9	-
Brad Ditton	44	4	0 (1)	-
Frank Farina	138	74	7	5
Glenn Gwynne	98	1	5	-
Chay Hews	5	0	0 (1)	-
Alan Hunter	297	47	8	-
Steve Jackson	275	6	4 (1)	-
Gary Phillips	333	18	5	-
Jason Polak	136	12	9	-
Graham Ross	11	0	-	-
Reece Tollenaere	0	0	-	-
Craig Williams	95	1	0 (6)	-
Danny Wright	311	47	4 (2)	-
Chris Zoricich	30	3	5 (3)	-
Bruce Stowell (Coach)	120	■	9	■



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PHILLIPS**
No 6

Born: 9/6/63

Where: Bankstown NSW

Previous club: Syd Olympic

Position: Midfielder

Nickname: "Gazza"

Game Play -

Best ~ Height

Worst ~ Not saying

Honours: NSW 1983-90

Hobbies: Surfing

Favourites -

O/S Club ~ Liverpool

Food ~ Indian (any stir fry)

Drink ~ Chocolate Shake

TV Show ~ Picket Fences

Flick ~ Big Wednesday

Actor ~ Sean Connery

Actress ~ All of Baywatch

Hero ~ The Pay Mistress

Dislikes: Inconsiderate smokers

Ambition: To win the 'A' League with the Strikers & play 400 'A' League games.

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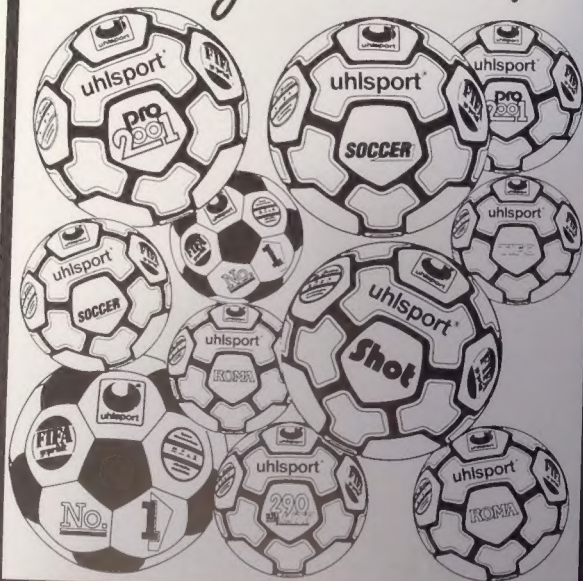
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QAS Squad NEWS

The QAS have remained in fourth place on the table following a convincing 7-1 victory against the ACT Academy of Sport and a narrow 4-3 loss to the AIS last Wednesday night.

Hat-tricks to Reece Tollenaere and Wayne Knipe were the highlights of the side's impressive win over the ACT Academy. Needless to say, coach Greg Brown was delighted with the result.

"It was very pleasing to see the boys come away with such a good win, not just because of the score but because we really started to play good entertaining football," Brown said.

Despite drawing first blood against the AIS at home on Wednesday night, the QAS found themselves 4-1 down and had to fight hard to pull the scoreline back to 4-3.

The QAS took the match to the AIS in the early stages but the visitors came back well and in the end were deserved victors.

One of the pleasing aspects for the QAS has been the growing interest from supporters in recent weeks.

"The crowds have been superb," Brown said, "...and I'd like to thank everyone for their support."

"It really encourages the lads and makes us more determined to play good, effective, entertaining football." □

Rob Pudja was one of the goal scorers last Wednesday night when the QAS narrowly went down to the AIS 4-3 at Perry Park



THE ACADEMY LINEUP...

- Robert Edwards
- Jamie Lowndes
- Steven Bland
- Matt Bell
- Shane Gilroy
- Wayne Knipe
- Kasey Wehrman
- Clint McDermott
- Tony De Lange
- Morgan Hartney
- Matt Campion
- Adam Evans
- Trent Cardwell
- David Pilic
- Robert Pudja
- Andrew Packer
- Cale Driver



**STEVEN
BLAND**

Q.A.S.

Born: 26/4/79

Where: Brisbane

Previous club: Wynnum

Position: Sweeper

Nickname: "Blandy"

Game Play -

Best ~ Long balls, vision

Worst ~ Tackling

Honours: Qld Jnr

Hobbies: Surfing, shopping

Favourites -

O/S Club ~ Ajax

Food ~ Lasagne

Drink ~ Orange Juice

TV Show ~ Simpsons

Flick ~ Forest Gump

Actor ~ Keanu Reeves

Actress ~ Nicole Kidman

Band ~ Jodeci

Comedian ~ Eddie Murphy

Dislikes: Losing

Ambition: To play overseas at the highest level I can.

Shades of BROWN...

It's getting close to the end of the first round of matches, with ten games played after today and just one to go before we meet Marconi again. The first round has been very interesting for us.



Greg Brown

In the first three or four matches we experienced a lot to try to find a good balance within the team and although the results went our way, the boys looked decidedly shaky.

Now we are more stable we are looking to improve the players' individuality as the formation and style of play is now accepted.

So, as this is a time for reflection I have to say that I have been generally happy with the squad. They have taken to the task well and are impressing me as a team that has an excellent attitude towards training and the actual games.

We are currently in the middle of a hectic schedule with five games in two weeks so this is a testing time for players of such a young age.

As a coach you must be aware of the strains a time like this can have on the boys, especially when you consider their schooling and family commitments over the festive season.

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Strike Squad NEWS

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Win Away, Win Away!

At last the Strikers have opened their away win record with a stirring victory over the Wollongong City Wolves.

Don't forget we have the away trip to Marconi next week so let's hope we can cheer the boys on to another great away victory.

All Gone Bananas

A very welcome letter to the Strike Squad was received last week from Paul Ruhle. Paul suggested a couple of new ideas for songs to support our brave lads. The first was a song using the Beatles old classic *Yellow Submarine*, which we all thought was a great idea. Secondly, Paul had seen large inflatable bananas around and thought we could

incorporate them into our colour and support of our "banana-bender" team.

If anyone knows where we can obtain these inflatables please let Thor or Stewie know and we will see what we can do.

Thanks Paul for some terrific ideas. To everyone out there, please keep those letters and suggestions coming.

Singin' in the Rain

Even though the heavens opened up at the Canberra Cosmos game, the Strike Squad really came to the fore and continued the great atmosphere without their spirits dampened.

With the recent growth of the Squad and our new paraphernalia to use in supporting the team, our great support is now the envy of all the other Ericsson Cup sides.

If you have any friends who are unsure about joining in with the Strike Squad, remember there is no restriction to jumping in and having a great time at the game.

Shakin' All Over

The colour and volume of support is sounding better at every home game. With the advent of shakers, flags and headbands, the overall atmosphere is nothing short of tremendous in the Strike Squad.

The players really do appreciate the job we do, so keep on wearing the club colours, either the headband or the caps, and of course the shirts, and make sure the flags are waved as often as possible so the television cameras have a chance to focus on the Squad. □

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- 1 Clint Bolton - O
- 2 Chris Zoricich - OI
- 3 Craig Williams - FYS
- 4 Alan Hunter - FS
- 5 Steve Jackson (C)
- 6 Gary Phillips
- 7 Frank Farina - FS
- 8 Jason Polak - S
- 9 Rod Brown - FS
- 10 Danny Wright - FYS
- 11 Troy Cranney - FYS
- 12 (Not Allocated)
- 13 Brad Ditton - FYS
- 14 Sean Cranney - S
- 15 Andrew Brayshaw
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Glenn Gwynne
- 18 Mark Battistin
- 19 Reece Tollenare
- 20 Graham Ross
- Coach - Bruce Stowell

SOUTH MELBOURNE

- 1 Dean Anastasiadis
- 2 Con Blatsis
- 3 Steven Mangos
- 4 Aleksander Kuzmanovic
- 5 Michael Valkanis - O
- 6 Con Anthopoulos - YS
- 7 Steve Panopoulos
- 8 Vaughan Coveny - OI
- 9 Paul Trimboli (C) - S
- 10 Ivan Kelic
- 11 Ajim Sherifovski
- 12 Bill Damianos
- 13 Craig Lewis
- 14 Michael Petersen - FS
- 15 Nick Papadopoulos
- 16 Tansell Baser
- 17 Sasa Nikolic
- 19 Daniel Alsopp - YS
- 20 Michael Lilikakis
- 22 Alan Davidson - FS
- Coach - Frank Arok

Legend: O - Olyroo, YS - Young Soccerroo, S - Soccerroo, FS - Former Soccerroo, FYS - Former Young Soccerroo, FO - Former Olyroo, OI - Other International



HYUNDAI

Eye on Strikers Tables

ERICSSON CUP

As at 26 Nov.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UTS OLYMPIC	9	5	3	1	18	12	18
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	9	5	2	2	12	8	17
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	9	5	2	2	11	7	17
MORWELL FALCONS	9	5	1	3	15	9	16
SYDNEY UNITED	9	4	3	2	9	6	15
SYDNEY CITY	9	4	1	4	17	10	13
ADELAIDE CITY	9	3	4	2	11	10	13
WEST ADELAIDE	9	4	0	5	12	16	12
STRIKERS							
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	9	2	2	5	10	18	8
CANBERRA COSMOS	9	1	4	4	11	16	7
SOUTH MELBOURNE	9	2	1	6	10	17	7
WOLLONGONG CITY	9	2	1	6	9	16	7

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	8	7	0	1	35	6	21
AUST INST SPORT	8	6	1	1	30	11	19
SYDNEY UNITED	9	6	0	3	18	12	18
QLD ACAD SPORT	8	5	1	3	29	13	16
UTS OLYMPIC	9	4	2	3	22	16	14
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	8	3	3	2	16	15	12
WOLLONGONG CITY	8	4	0	4	14	18	12
ACT ACADEMY	9	3	2	4	18	23	11
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	9	3	1	5	12	19	10
BLACKTOWN CITY	9	2	3	4	11	22	9
ST GEORGE	8	1	1	6	8	28	4
NSW ITC	8	0	0	8	4	34	0

THIS WEEK'S 'A' LEAGUE MATCHES

FRI DEC 1	N'castle Breakers v Wollongong City
SAT DEC 2	Strikers v South Melbourne
SAT DEC 2	Marconi Fairfield v Sydney United

SAT DEC 2	Morwell Falcons v Adelaide City
SAT DEC 2	West Adelaide v UTS Olympic
SUN DEC 3	Melbourne Knights v Canberra Cos.

ROUND 11

WED DEC 6	UTS Olympic v Strikers
WED DEC 6	South Melbourne v N'castle Breakers
WED DEC 6	Adelaide City v Sydney United

WED DEC 6	Marconi Fairfield v West Adelaide
WED DEC 13	Canberra Cosmos v Morwell Falc.
WED DEC 13	Wollongong City v Melbourne Knts.

ROUND 12

FRI DEC 8	Wollongong City v Morwell Falcons
FRI DEC 9	Canberra Cosmos v Adelaide City
SAT DEC 9	Marconi Fairfield v Strikers

SUN DEC 10	South Melbourne v Melbourne Knts.
SUN DEC 10	UTS Olympic v Newcastle Breakers
SUN DEC 10	West Adelaide v Sydney United

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